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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
MARCO PINNA ET AL : EXAMINER: FERNANDEZ, SUSAN
SERIAL NO.: 10/673,178 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1651
FOR: QUICK WATER-DISSOLVING :
FILM CONTAINING COSMETIC,
AROMATIC, PHARMACEUTICAL OR
FOOD SUBSTANCES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 7, 2009, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-9 are pending, claim 7 having been withdrawn from consideration.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

A. Xu and Ushimaru

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,419,903 to Xu et al. ("Xu") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,368,861 to Ushimaru et al. ("Ushimaru"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 recites "[a]n edible film, comprising: at least one oxidized starch ... at least one cellulose compound ... at least one active substance ... wherein: the at least one oxidized starch and the at least one cellulose compound are chemically bonded to one another; and the